Review of Indo-Nepal agreement

†1150. SHRI SAMAN PATHAK : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to have complete review of Indo-Nepal agreement of 1950;

(b) whether Nepal Government is also taking initiative to have amendment in the agreement;

(c) whether any proposal for complete review of Indo-Nepal agreement of 1950 has been exchanged between Governments of Nepal and India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (d) During the visit of Prime Minister of Nepal to India from September 14-18, 2008, it was, *inter-alia*, agreed to review, adjust and update the 1950 Treaty of Peace and Friendship, while giving due recognition to the special features of the bilateral relationship. A high-level committee of Foreign Secretaries will examine this issue.

Border talks with China

1151. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there had been talks with China over the border question; and

(b) if so, the details of the talks held and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The twelfth round of Special Representatives Talks on the India-China boundary question was held in Beijing from 18 to 19 September, 2008. The Special Representatives of the two countries, Mr. M.K. Narayanan, National Security Adviser and Mr. Dai Bingguo, State Councillor held useful and positive discussions on the framework for the settlement of the India-China boundary question on the basis of the Agreement on the Political Parameters and Guiding Principles for the Settlement of the India-China Boundary Question signed on April 11, 2005. The two Special Representatives reaffirmed the consensus to seek a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable solution to the boundary question through consultations on an equal footing, proceeding from the political perspective of overall bilateral relations. The two sides agreed that the next round of talks would be held in Delhi. The specific dates would be decided through diplomatic channels.

Attack and arrest of fishermen by Sri Lankan Navy

1152. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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